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SUBJECT: PNG AMBASSADOR TO U.S. MATANE APOLOGIZES OVER
CONTROVERSY WITH DFAT

REF: PORT MORESBY 384

1. FOLLOWING CRITICISM BY MATANE OF DFAT AND REBUTTAL BY
ACTING SECRETARY DFAT SABUMEI WHICH INCLUDED CALL FOR MATANE
TO RESIGN, DISPUTE, RATHER THAN QUIETING, CONTINUED IN PRESS
TO DISCOMFORT ALL PARTIES.

2. ROBIN KUMAINA, FORMER PNG AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA, SIDED
WITH SABUMEI, CITING MATANE'S CRITICISMS AS "TOTALLY IRRE-
SPONSIBLE," NOTING THAT MATANE WAS ALLOWING HIS FRUSTRATIONS
AND EMOTIONS TO OVERCOME HIM. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC
STATEMENT BY SABUMEI TO EFFECT GPNG MIGHT HAVE TO CONSIDER
RECALLING MATANE IF HE REFUSED TO RESIGN.

3. DISPUTE SPREAD AS FORMER FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL THOMAS
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TOBUNBUN, JR., AND MICHAEL PONDROS, MP FROM MANUS, PUBLICLY
SUPPORTED MATANE'S CLAIMS OF DFAT INCOMPETENCE.

4. FOLLOWING THIS, MATANE IN PUBLIC STATEMENT REPORTED IN
PRESS SAID HIS LACK OF PRECISION IN HIS PREVIOUS REMARKS
"UNNECESSARILY SPARKED OFF THE WHOLE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE AND MYSELF," WITH

THE RESULT OF EMBARRASSING THE DEPARTMENT, THE GPNG AND HIMSELF. HE THEN WITHDREW WHAT HE TERMED HIS "IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENT" AND PUBLICLY APOLOGIZED TO ALL CONCERNED: DFAT, GPNG AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UN.

6. COMMENT: WHILE DFAT HAS NOT PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED MATANE'S CAPITULATION, THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION THUS FAR THAT HE WILL NOT RETURN TO HIS POSTING IN THE U.S.

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